

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DISTRICT I

February 3, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Council Member Brewer
Treatha Brown Foster
Lois Tully-Gerber
Kenneth Hemmen
Debby Moore
Lori Lawrence
Steve Roberts*
James Thompson

Members Absent

Rickie Coleman
Joann Hartig*
Sharon Meyers
Celina Porter Robinson
Willard Walker
Carrie Jones Williams
Ken Woodard

Guest List

Carl Ligon, 1736 NE Parkway
Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman
Linda Estep, 2523 N. Roosevelt Ct
Terry Smythe, 315 Ellis
Kaelyn Seymour, 7750 E. 32nds #404

Staff Present

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works
Jess McNeely, Planning
Interim Captain Guy Schroeder, Patrol North
Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Brewer noted that Officer Jamie Cavitt is from Patrol South, not Patrol North as recorded in the minutes.

Motion to approve, DAB I minutes with amendment. **Tully-Gerber (Ken Hemmen)**. Motion carried (7-0)

Approval of Agenda

Brown Foster (Thompson) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

No item submitted.

2. Off-agenda items

No items submitted

Staff Reports

3. Community Police Report

- a. Community Police Officers** for District I was to provide trend reports for their police beat.

Interim Captain Guy Schroeder addressed the board on behalf of the Community Police Officers who were out on assignment. Schroeder reported that they are planning to set up more traffic enforcement to address high traffic/accident areas that are resulting in more accidents and fatalities. He also invited neighborhood associations to utilize the radar trailer to make residents aware of their speed. The trailer can only be used in the daytime due to vandalism when left over night.

Lastly, Captain Schroeder reported that stats would be available in the future for neighborhood groups wanting crime trends in their area.

- b. Project Safe Neighborhood** – this program was to be presented to the board for recommendations on placement of an anti-weapons message on billboards in District 1.

The board deferred this item due to absence of the presenters on this topic.

4. Public Work – Sidewalk installation on the north side of 25th Street, Ash to Hillside and sidewalk installation on north side of Lincoln Street, Mosley to St. Francis

Paul Gunzelman presented an update of actions on the proposed sidewalk installations in the abovementioned areas. Gunzelman reported that he notified approximately 20 adjacent property owners in the 25th Street area and he received one (1) phone call in favor of the project. The same was true for the Lincoln Street area.

Gunzelman commented that the projects would be presented to the City Council for approval and if approved, the installations would begin in March or April of 2003.

Council Member Brewer asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on this item. No one from the public responded. **Tully-Gerber** thanked Paul Gunzelman for attending the DAB 1 meetings, for including the board in the decision making process, and for providing the information in a timely manner.

Brown Foster (Tully-Gerber) made a motion to approve the sidewalk installations on 25th Street and Lincoln Street. Motion carried 7-0.

Planning Agenda

5. ZON2002-00064 and CUP2002-00053 DP95 Amendment #3

Jess McNeely, MAPD Staff presented requested zone change from “MF-18” Multi-family Residential to “GO” General Office and the Amendment to the Fantasea Community Unit Plan.

McNeely explained that this case was heard by MAPC on January 23, 2003 and was approved unanimously based on the staff report and recommendations. Also, that no members of the public was present to speak on this issue. He then went through the staff recommendations 1 – 5 and gave brief explanations on each.

(McNeely's response is in italics)

Council Member Brewer asked where this particular location is in regard to Fantasea, are the residents in the area aware of this request, and will there be a problem with traffic, particularly during the school day when buses already cause a concern? *It is within the same location. It is in Parcel C, Tract 2. Everyone within a 200 ft. radius was notified. Surprisingly, no calls have come in on this issue, but it may be due to the fact that office zoning is looked at as less traffic. The peak hours for the office traffic (7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) would be different than the peak hours for the school, thus eliminating additional traffic congestion.* **James Thompson** asked where the closest residence is located in regards to this parcel? *There are no residents that actually face 37th Street North. However, there are residents on Govenour.*

Linda Estep, citizen, asked who would be responsible for the street widening that was mentioned in the presentation? *Scott Logan, Traffic Engineering, has looked at this neighborhood and Traffic Engineering proposed widening the street, however, it is still under study. It has been suggested in the report that the applicant pays their fair share for the street widening should it prove to be necessary in the future.*

Thompson (Lawrence) made a motion to recommend approval of the zone change and CUP amendment request, subject to certain conditions within the report. Motion carried 7-0.

Unfinished Business

No items submitted.

Planning

No items submitted.

New Business

No items submitted.

Board Agenda

6. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Opportunity is provided for the Council Member and the District Advisory Board Members to report any activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or Council District.

- 1) **Debby Moore** reported that the noise problem has moved back into her neighborhood. **Council Member Brewer** responded that she should call the Lieutenant or Community Police Officer at Patrol East or contact the Neighborhood Assistant to assist with resolving this issue.
- 2) **Steve Roberts** reported an illegal car lot that has been established at a parking lot 21st & Woodlawn. Roberts stated that he tried contact the realtor of the property and has not had anyone return his calls. He was able to obtain the phone number of the car dealer (806-1758) and the dealer's license plate (D2542) when the dealer showed up to give a test drive of one

- of the vehicles. **Council Member Brewer** asked the Neighborhood Assistant to report this incident to the Community Police Officers.
- 3) **Treatha Brown-Foster** reported on the teleconference she attended at the KU Medical Center, “Engaging Communities from the Inside Out”. Brown-Foster complimented the City of Wichita for where we are in respect to neighborhood growth, city/community partnerships, and community dialogue with various agencies. She commented that she was glad that she attended the conference and said that the video can be obtained for future viewing. **Lois Tully-Gerber** stated that she had signed up to attend, but when she arrived at the KU Medical Center, no one could direct her to the correct location of the conference. **Virdena Gilkey** apologized for the mix up at KU Medical Center and informed the board that the City of Wichita would order the video for viewing on Channel 7. Once those dates/times are available, all of the boards will be notified of the viewing schedule.
- 4) **Council Member Brewer** asked Kaelyn Seymour to introduce herself to the board. **Kaelyn Seymour** introduced herself to the board and explained that she is in a mentorship program with **Council Member Brewer** as part of her internship for seniors at Northeast Magnet High School. She stated that the City Council has been “fun people to hang around with” and that she has begun to learn a lot about the functions of City government. Ms. Seymour further stated that she plans to attend Washburn University and her major will be Business Economics with a Pre-Law emphasis. **Council Member Brewer** commented that the entire council has enjoyed having Kaelyn around and she has given her opinion on the various issues the council discusses. This is the first time that the council has ever participated in a mentorship program and so far, the council is impressed with how things are unfolding.
- 5) **Council Member Brewer** reported on the District 1 Coalition Breakfast that took place on Saturday, February 1st 2003. The guests were: Police Chief Norman Williams, Deputy Chief Tom Stolz who spoke on WPD’s goals for 2003 and verbalized crime trends of the neighborhoods attending the breakfast, Interim Captain Guy Schroeder (Patrol North), and Darryl Fox, County Director of Animal Control, who was there as an association member, but addressed the attendees concern for the lack of a City/County partnership on animal control issues. He also addressed the differences, boundaries, staff, and work ethics both face.
- 6) **Council Member Brewer** reported on the McAdams Revitalization Group and their opposition to the street closings of 10th, 11th, and 15th Streets. He stated that after inquiries and dialogue with City staff, this proposal has been eliminated and the streets will receive cleanup and repaving only. The additional dollars will be targeted to Elm Street for pavement, Brewer commented.

- Additionally, Council Member Brewer reported that this group will meet on Saturday, February 15, 2003 at the McAdams Recreation Center, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m He and City staff will address concerns about: a) flooding, b) the City of Wichita Paint Program, c) structural repair for residential homes, d) the roles and responsibilities of the City Council Member and the DAB, and several more issues. Council Member Brewer encouraged the DAB 1 Members to accept the invitation extended to them by the McAdams Revitalization Group and attend this informational session.
- 7) **Council Member Brewer** thanked the DAB 1 Members for the work they have done and are doing in the community. He commented that various Mayoral candidates have inquired about the board’s roles, responsibilities, and performance and he was able to give them a positive rating. **Tully-Gerber** responded that she has gained extra value as she becomes more acquainted with neighborhood associations and other groups. She takes the knowledge she has learned from serving on the board to others due to the opportunities and information she has received as a board member. **Carl Ligon, Ken Mar NA President**, added that their neighborhood association has benefited a lot from the board. He stated that board member, Treatha Brown Foster assists him greatly and that the questions asked at the meetings are

very helpful to understanding the process. Ligon invited the board to attend their meeting on Monday, February 10, 2003 to hear a mayoral candidate.

- 8) **Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant** proposed to the board the concept of electronic mailings for their monthly minutes, agendas, staff reports and any other information that can be sent via e-mail. This suggestion would allow the board to assist with the budget constraints since all of the members have e-mail addresses. Gilkey stated that additional copies would be available at the DAB meetings, should the board fail to bring their documents. **Tully-Gerber** responded that she believed this would be a great way for the board to assist in reducing budget woes. Also, that having extra copies available for the members would only “make us lazy” and not responsible enough to bring our own copies. She added that she liked how the minutes have been tightened.

General Comments/Announcements

- District I Coalition Meeting will be March 1, 2003, Spears Restaurant.
- Next meeting of DAB I will be March 3, 2003.

Being no further business, **Lawrence (Thompson)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Virdena Gilkey
Neighborhood Assistant